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SUBJECT: 30 DEC. MEASURES: WESTINGHOUSE DISTRIBUTOR'S
BANK ACCOUNT FROZEN

1. UNTIL NOW, ONLY US FIRM DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY
30 DEC. MEASURES HAS BEEN KALICAK. AND HE
IS FARING WELL FOR TIME BEING. ON FEB. 4, WESTINGHOUSE
REP DAWSON INFORMED US THAT ONE BANK ACCOUNT OF TWO-THIRDS
WESTINGHOUSE OWNED DISTRIBUTOR, ACEC, HAD BEEN FROZEN BY
BANQUE DUE PEUPLE ON GROUNDS THAT ACEC IS PART OF
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR.

2. IN ABSENCE OF ACEC DIRECTOR, DAWSON INTENDS TO
INTERVENE TO GET ACCOUNT UNFROZEN. ON OUR ADVICE,
DAWSON WILL SEE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LEAVE
LETTER MAKING POINTS THAT ACEC IS WESTINGHOUSE
DISTRIBUTOR, THAT IT IS SALES AGENT AND NOT PART
OF CONSTRUCTION SECTORY; AND ASKING
MINISTER TO INSTRUCT BANQUE DUE PEUPLE TO UNFREEZE
ACCOUNT.

3. WE AWAIT RESULTS DAWSON DEMARCHE AND WE HOPE HE
WILL BE PERSUASIVE. IF NOT, WE WILL TRY OUR HAND
WITH THE MINISTER. DAWSON UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER,
THAT EVEN IF ACEC IS REMOVED FROM CONSTRUCTION
CATEGORY, IT REMAINS LARGE DISTRIBUTOR AND AS SUCH
IS POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO STATE CONTROL AS ANNOUNCED
IN 30 DEC. MEASURES. AND IF THAT SHOE DROPS,

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DAWSON, ACEC AND EMBASSY WILL CONSULT ON TACTICS.

FOR THE MOMENT, IT IS BEST TO TAKE THINGS ONE AT
A TIME.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR STATE AND COMMERCE
INFORMATION ONLY. AT PRESENT HINTON DAWSON DEALING WITH
HIS BEIRUT CHEIF WHO, IN TURN, TALKING TO ACEC
IN BELGIUM. WESTINGHOUSE OFFICES IN US NOT RPT
NOT YET IN PICTURE. DAWSON AND BEIRUT CHEIF HAVE
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION NOT RPT
NOT BE DISSEMINATED BEYOND TIGHTLY RESTRICTED
OFFICIAL FAMILY UNTIL RESULTS THEIR FIRST EFFORTS
KNOWN, AT WHICH POINT THEY WILL INFORM WESTINGHOUSE IN U.S.
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